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A RESOLUTION to honor L. Hadley Williams, Jr. for his  
professional achievements.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have made invaluable contributions to their chosen professions, and who are approaching significant milestones in their illustrious careers; and

WHEREAS, L. Hadley Williams, Jr. is one such person who has given unreservedly of himself for more than 30 years to assist and enhance the medical profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is a Nashville native, was educated in the Nashville public school system, and graduated from George Peabody College in 1954; and

WHEREAS, his teaching credentials earned him a position with Nashville public schools in 1954 and for four years, he taught physical education in the school system; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University realized Mr. Williams' excellent communication abilities and promptly hired him as Assistant Sports Information Director for the university in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the year 1963 marked the beginning of Mr. Williams' illustrious career with the Tennessee Medical Association, a career that would span more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, again, Mr. Williams' professionalism and abilities led him to a public relations position as he served TMA as their Public Service Director and lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was appointed Assistant Executive Director of TMA in 1965 and, in 1976, he was selected to serve as the medical organization's distinguished Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary service to this important association was quickly realized as he was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' 32 years of service to TMA and its many members will come to a close in April as he takes his much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Mr. Williams was a model professional, holding memberships and leadership positions with a great number of medical associations, their boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, these professional affiliations include the American Association of Medical Society Executives, the American Medical Association, the Professional Convention Management Association, the Physician Insurers Association of America, the Southern and Tennessee Medical Associations, the American Medical Political Action Committee, Independent Medicine's Political Action Committee in Tennessee, and the Regional Medical Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has also contributed his expertise as a member of the Board of Directors of Brentwood's State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company.

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Williams' meritorious service, the American Medical Association's House of Delegates named him the recipient of the Citation of a Layman Award for 1995, an award given to those who greatly contribute to the achievement of the ideals of American medicine by aiding and cooperating in the advancement of medical science, education, or care; and

WHEREAS, for years, Mr. Williams has shared the joys of his professional and personal achievements with his loving wife, Melva; and their two fine children, Louis Hadley Williams III and Laurie Kathleen Sublett, both of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, even though he has answered the tantalizing call of retirement, Mr. Williams will leave behind a legacy of excellence at TMA that will be hard to equal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the long and outstanding career of L. Hadley Williams, Jr., and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted.